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► Postcard from an NJAA director and state spotlights

Lessons learned

Five of the six National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board members whose terms expire in 2006 had the opportunity to travel to the Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) office in Wooster, Ohio. This visit was designed to orientate the NJAA Board members to the CAB program and to allow the CAB staff to get acquainted with the Board members and our responsibilities.

While in Wooster, we gained volumes of valuable information in addition to that pertaining to CAB. We were paired with a mentor who gave us tips for interviewing, career advice and how to best prepare ourselves for the future. I have decided to sum up and share some of the things I learned.

First, never let an opportunity pass you by. Whether it is an internship with a company or organization or the chance to attend the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) or the Leaders Engaged In Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, all will increase your knowledge base and allow you to meet people.

Second, get involved. As simple as it sounds, serving in leadership positions proves you are a reliable, competent person and gives you experience in working with people in various situations. This is also a great résumé builder! Involvement can be at



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any level, from 4-H and FFA to local and state Angus associations.

The third, and possibly most important, item is that you should never just settle for a job. If you are not truly happy with your career, then no amount of money is worth it.

In summary, remember to be involved and to never settle on something that doesn't make you happy. I wish you the best of luck in pursuing your dreams!

— **Alicia Kramer, Illinois**

Arkansas Angus Ass'n Banquet and Awards Ceremony, Fort Smith, Jan. 8



► Jarrett Martin (left), NJAA Board member, presents Bronze and Silver awards to Arkansas junior members. Bronze Awards are presented to (continuing from left) **Paige Tribble**, Pocahontas; and **Matthew** and **Andy Boecker**, both of Bentonville. **Kirk Boecker**, Bentonville, receives both Bronze and Silver awards.

Kansas Beef Expo

Clayton Lampe, Scott City, Kan., was the top individual in the reasons division of the 4-H and FFA annual youth cattle judging contest at the Kansas Beef Expo in December 2004 in Hutchinson. A total of 399 FFA and 4-H members from across the state evaluated the classes of cattle.

In the Kansas Beef Expo Youth Prospect Steer and Heifer Show, Lampe won fifth overall with his champion Angus heifer. Cody Theis, Leavenworth, Kan., exhibited the reserve Angus heifer. Champion Angus steer honors went to an entry by Kyleigh Santee, Langdon, Kan., with reserve Angus honors to Lampe's steer.

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► **Haley Rieff** (right), Bentonville, is the 2005 Miss Arkansas Angus. **Allyson McGuire**, Fort Smith, was the 2004 Miss Arkansas Angus.



► Haley Rieff (left) presents the Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n Junior Volunteer Award to **Claire Taylor**, Lavaca.



► Jarrett Martin (left) presents **Haley Rieff**, Bentonville, with the Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n Outstanding Junior Award.



► Jarrett Martin (left) presents **James Williams**, Paragould, with the Arkansas Junior Angus Ass'n Outstanding Junior Breeder Award.

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▶ Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Indianapolis • Dec. 30, 2004



▶ Serving as directors of the Indiana Junior Angus Ass'n for 2005, including two voting delegates to the 2005 NJAA Annual Meeting, are (seated, from left) **Brian Jeffries**, Rockville; **Jake Cunningham**, Sheridan; **Adam Leeper**, Argos; **Brent Lamb**, Milford; (standing, from left) **Casey Bruns**, Union City, voting delegate; **Kara Wilson**, Orleans, voting delegate; **Kylee Carr**, Elwood; **Whitney Carr**, Elwood; **Jenna Langley**, Walton; **Christoph Rieker**, Columbus; and **Jacob Saunders**, Cloverdale.

▶ Indiana Junior Angus Ass'n officers for 2005 include (seated, from left) **Christen Cartmell**, Monticello, president; **Joseph Claeys**, Chalmers, first vice president; **Casey Bruns**, Union City, second vice president; **Lucas Neumayr**, New Richmond, third vice president; **Jenna Langley**, Walton, secretary; (standing, from left) **Adam Leeper**, Argos, treasurer; and **Katelyn Wilson**, Orleans, communications director.



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